

Post Office and School House  
Bedford Green *Westchester Co.*  
Bedford, N. Y.

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District No. 4  
New York State

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Wakefield Worcester, District Officer  
25 West 44th Street, New York, N. Y.

POST OFFICE  
Bedford, Westchester County, N. Y.

Owner:

Mrs. Edith L. Colgate  
Bedford, N. Y.

Date of Erection:

1838

Architect:

Unknown

Builder:

Unknown

Present Condition:

Good

Number of Stories:

One

Materials of Construction:

Exterior walls - frame

Interior walls - stud and plaster

Floors - wood

Roof - shingle

Other Existing Records:

None

Additional data:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Record:</u>	<u>Reference:</u>
1640	July 1. Ponue, an Indian, sold lands in Westchester County, including Bedford, to Nathaniel Turner, representing buyers residing in New Haven.	Bolton, "Hist. of the County of Westchester (1905 Ed.) I:2
1655	August 11. An agreement reaffirmed the bargain of 1640.	Ibid.
1680	December 23. A group of English settlers residing in Stamford, Conn., bought land in the Town of Bedford called "Hop Grounds," over which Catonah (or Katoonah) had assumed supremacy. Their purchase, consisting of grazing and timber lands, a part of which is now the Village of Bedford, they laid out in town lots.	Ibid., I: 3, 13 and 38, 39
1680 to 1759	There are no records regarding this property for this period, but in the latter year there is the following:	
1759	June 7. Trustees of the Presbyterian Society of Bedford (Eli Seelig, John Mills, John Holme, and Zebadiah Mille) made an unrecorded transfer of this property.	Data supplied by the Title Guarantee and Trust Co. of White Plains, N.Y.
1784	April 6. An act of the Legislature gave the Bedford Presbyterian Church authority to organize and hold meetings.	Liber C, in Register's Office, White Plains.
1785	November 14. The Trustees of the Presbyterian Society filed a petition to sell a parcel of land that included this lot. This was granted by the Court.	Special Proceedings, Supreme Court, No. 7299, County Clerk's Office
1785 to 1836	Between these years there are no records in regard to this property. It appears the Church retained title until the latter year.	
1836	August 8. Jabez Robertson and wife sold a parcel of land, including this lot, to Cyrus E. Olmstead and Robert S. Hart. Deed recorded Aug. 10, 1836.	Liber 68 of Deeds, p. 203
	October 10. The Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Bedford sold a parcel of land, including this lot, to Robert S. Hart. Deed recorded to July 26, 1838.	Liber 80, p. 486
	Hart and November 1. Cyrus E. Olmstead and wife, Robert S./ Charles W. Bates sold a parcel of land, including	Liber 71, p. 42

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	this lot, to Jabez Robertson. Deed recorded Dec. 5, 1836	Liber 71, p. 42
1838	January 16. Robert S. Hart and wife sold this property to Seth Lyon and others. Deed recorded Feb. 13, 1838.	Liber 77, p. 347
	January 16. Benjamin Ambler bought a lot from Seth Lyon and others, Trustees of the Presbyterian Church. Deed recorded Feb. 9, 1838.	Liber 77, p. 332
	Benjamin Ambler built a shop on this lot, where he carried on business as a saddle maker.	
	It was this building, erected in the spring of 1838, which later became the Post Office. Benjamin Ambler was eighth in direct descent from one of the 22 original proprietors of the "Hop Ground." Between 1838 and 1892 Ambler owned the building and conducted the saddle business.	Bolton, I:13
1872	June 6. Benjamin Ambler bought another parcel of land from the Presbyterian Society. Deed recorded June 10, 1872.	Liber 811, p. 5
1892	May 7. Shortly after the death of Benjamin Ambler, his Estate, represented by Sarah O. Dininny of Salt Lake City, Utah, sold this building and lot of land to Leonora Lounsberry for \$1,100. Deed recorded May 23, 1892.	Liber 1268, p. 461
	June 6. Leonora Lounsberry leased this building to George Purcell for a term of five years beginning July 1, 1892. Lease recorded June 8, 1892.	Liber 1272, p. 349
1906	March 5. Leonora Lounsberry transferred this building and the lot on which it stands to her brother, Richard P. Lounsberry. Deed recorded March 7, 1906.	Liber 1740, p. 499
1918	April 23. Norman de Maurice sold this building and lot of land to Mrs. Edith L. Colgate. Deed recorded May 1, 1918.	Liber 2168, p. 343
1936	The building is still owned by Mrs. Edith L. Colgate, Tax Office Records a resident of Bedford Village. It is leased to the Federal Government, and used as the U. S. Post Office. Its location is on the east side of the Village Green just south of the Old Presbyterian Church.	

Credit is due to Mr. Edward P. Jackson, an old resident, of the Village of Bedford, for much of the

foregoing information regarding this building. Jackson was a stage-coach driver between Bedford and Bedford Hills during the period of 1892 to 1916. His father was a member of the Anthony Wayne Guards, and fought in the Civil War with the heavy artillery in September, 1862.

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